



Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023 | 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472
Board meeting will be held in person and with a call in option.

REMOTE ACCESS: Members of the staff and public can participate remotely by using the following options:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326946028?pwd=VERncTBxaWdkaFpkTUZKL3RRROW81UT09>

Phone: (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 813 2694 6028. Passcode: 111.

District Directors Present: Mel Sanchietti, Director; Guy Smith, Director; Elias Zegarra, Director, Temra Costa, Director

District Directors Absent: Joe Dutton, President

Associate Directors Present: Chris Choo

Staff Present: Brittany Jensen, Michele Harris, Mare O'Connell, John Green, Joe Pozzi, William Hart, Rose Antaki

Others Present: Sebastian Tsochanos, NRCS, Anne Hamilton

1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:33pm

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B))

None.

3. Public Comment: Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

None.

4. Informational Items

a. Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices-None

b. Report out on Ad Hoc Financial Sustainability Committee Meeting (Mare O'Connell)

Discussed end of year financials, the final budget for this fiscal year & discussed selling the Valley Ford Schoolhouse.

c. NRCS Update

NRCS is anticipated more fundign than usual via the Inflation Recovery Act (IRA) funding for climate beneficial practices.

d. Board Tour Ideas/Date

December 21st the RCD will hold a Green Valley / Atascadero centric Board Tour

5. Consent Calendar

- a. **September 2023 Meeting Minutes, October 2023 Grant Status Report, Warrant Request, (Brittany Jensen)**

Motion to approve Item 5a: 1st Zegarra 2nd Costa. Ayes: Costa, Sanchietti, Zegarra, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: Dutton. Abstentions: None

6. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Resolution 2023-08 to declare the Valley Ford Schoolhouse as surplus property not necessary for the RCDs use and can be sold for fair market value. (Brittany Jensen)**

Motion to approve Item 6a: 1st Costa 2nd Zegarra. Ayes: Costa, Sanchietti, Zegarra, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: Dutton. Abstentions: None

- b. **Approval of Executive Director to Enter into Contract with Conservation Works for a Western SAREP \$41,115 (#233) (William Hart)**

Motion to approve Item 6b: 1st Smith 2nd Costa. Ayes: Costa, Sanchietti, Zegarra, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: Dutton. Abstentions: None

- c. **Approval of Executive Director to enter contract with O'Connor Environmental, Inc., for \$269,770 for modeling and design work on the Green Valley Road Stream Habitat and Flooding Project (#222) (John Green)**

Motion to approve Item 6c: 1st Costa 2nd Smith. Ayes: Costa, Sanchietti, Zegarra, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: Dutton. Abstentions: None

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. **Detailed project updates**
b. **Monarch updates**

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

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District Staff:

Brittany Jensen, Executive Director

Joe Pozzi, District Manager

Noelle Johnson, Deputy Director

John Green, Lead Scientist & Program Manager

Sierra Cantor, Ecologist

William Hart, Project Manager

Adriana Stagnaro, Outreach & Project Manager

Michele Harris, District Administrator

Mare O'Connell, Financial Manager

Will Spangler, Conservation Project Manager

Jason Wells, Director of Forestry

Angel Arcuri, Project Manager

Tom Hammond, RCD Engineer
Emma Wood, Climate and Agriculture Resilience
Fellow, Sustainability Service Corps
Rose Antaki, Forest Conservation Projects Assistant,
GrizzlyCorps

Nina Adarkar, Farm To School and Monarch Recovery
Coordinator, GrizzlyCorps

Schedule of Upcoming Gold Ridge RCD Board Meetings:

Every Third Thursday of the month, unless marked*

The following meetings will be held in person (unless noted) and with an option to join virtually over Zoom video conferencing. For information about how to join a Zoom meeting, see:

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- November 16, 3:30-5:30 pm
- December 21, 3:30-5:30 pm
- January 18, 3:30-5:30 pm